

# David R. Cox Scholarship

## ABOUT DAVID R. COX

David R. Cox, MD, PhD was an extraordinary physician scientist; he was a Professor of Genetics and Pediatrics at UCSF and later Stanford, and played a vital role in shepherding the development of genomic medicine at Pfizer. In addition to his participation in the Human Genome Project and service on numerous national advisory boards, Dr. Cox showed uncommon compassion in his involvement with the rare disease and advocacy community. He was especially helpful to the A-T Children's Project, an organization aiming to cure a rare and debilitating genetic disorder known as ataxia telangiectasia (A-T).

Despite having no personal ties to the rare genetic condition, Dr. Cox dedicated his time and expertise to the A-T community over a period of 20 years. During this time, he led an advisory board and orchestrated focused, innovative research that accelerated the search for life-improving therapies for A-T children. Even after his passing in 2013, Dr. Cox continues to inspire future clinicians to engage with the patient communities most in need.

The David R. Cox Scholarship for RARE Compassion began as a Global Genes supported initiative from the Student Advocates for Neglected Diseases (STAND) group, who wanted to recognize the work of Dr. Cox by creating a scholarship for students who have been inspired by, identified with, and understood the challenges of the rare or neglected patient community.

## ABOUT THE COX SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship is an opportunity offered to students who have completed the RARE Compassion Program and fulfilled all scholarship and program requirements. To participate, students must write an essay addressing how they will use their experience as a participant in the RARE Compassion Program to advocate for the rare disease community as a future medical / healthcare professional for a chance to win one of three prizes.

**1st place: \$7,500**

**2nd place: \$5,000**

**3rd place: \$2,500**

Applications open in October 2023.

To view past winners, click [here](#).

### Questions?

If you have any questions regarding the David R. Cox Scholarship, the RARE Compassion Program or Global Genes please reach out to us at [compassionprogram@globalgenes.org](mailto:compassionprogram@globalgenes.org).

### About Global Genes®

Global Genes is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating the burdens and challenges of rare diseases for patients and families globally. In pursuit of our mission, we connect, empower and inspire the rare disease community to stand up, stand out, and become more effective on their own behalf – helping to spur innovation, meet essential needs, build capacity and knowledge, and drive progress within and across rare diseases. We serve more than 400 million people around the globe and nearly 1 in 10 Americans affected by rare diseases. If you or someone you love has a rare disease or are searching for a diagnosis, contact Global Genes at 949-248-RARE or visit our [resource hub](#).

